Meetings of the Kelkar Committee

56. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that term of extension of Kelkar Committee has expired but still the committee is functioning;

(b) if so, whether any extension has been given to this committee;

(c) if so, upto when;

(d) how many meetings of the committee were held during the extended period along with the date and venue of each meeting; and

(e) what are the total representations received by the Committee upto date and how many have been considered and decision taken along with the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The extended term of the Kelkar Committee which expired on 29th February, 1988 has been further extended upto 15th May, 1988.

(d) Seven meetings of the Committee were held during the extended period as under:—

Date	Venue
9-9-1987	New Delhi
14-10-1987	New Delhi
2/3-11-1987	New Delhi
18-11-1987	New Delhi
4-1-1988	New Delhi
4/5-2-1988	Baroda
9-3-1988	New Delhi

(e) Details of representations received from the industry, Organisations/Associations and Members of Parliament regarding inclusion in/exclusion from the price controlled categories of drugs are given in the enclosed statements I, II and III respectively. (*See* reply to the Unstarred Question 44 (a) to (d) *vide* col. 68-72 supra). The representations have been forwarded to the Kelkar Committee. The report of the Committee has not been received.

Price increase of category I formulations

57. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has increased the prices of certain formulations falling under category I due to the change of mark up;

(b) if so, names of the formulations and the prices fixed under DPCO, 1979 price fixed under DPCO, 1987 alongwith the percentage increase in each case;

(c) whether his Ministry has also increased the prices of bulk drugs going into the manufacture of these formulations;

(d) if so, what are the names of the bulk drugs, its earlier price, present price and percentage increase in each case; and

(e) what are the names of the producers of bulk drugs based on which the prices of finished medicines of category I have been increased along with the production during the last three years, year-wise.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The required details in respect of ceiling prices for category I formulations fixed under DPCO, 1987 to the extent available are given in the enclosed statement. (*See below*).

(c) to (e) The ceiling prices referred to in parts (a) and (b) of reply are based on the bulk drug prices fixed under DPCO, 1979.